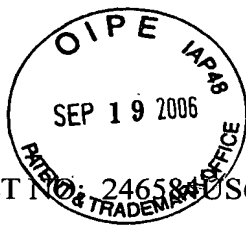


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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated June 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified application based on the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.